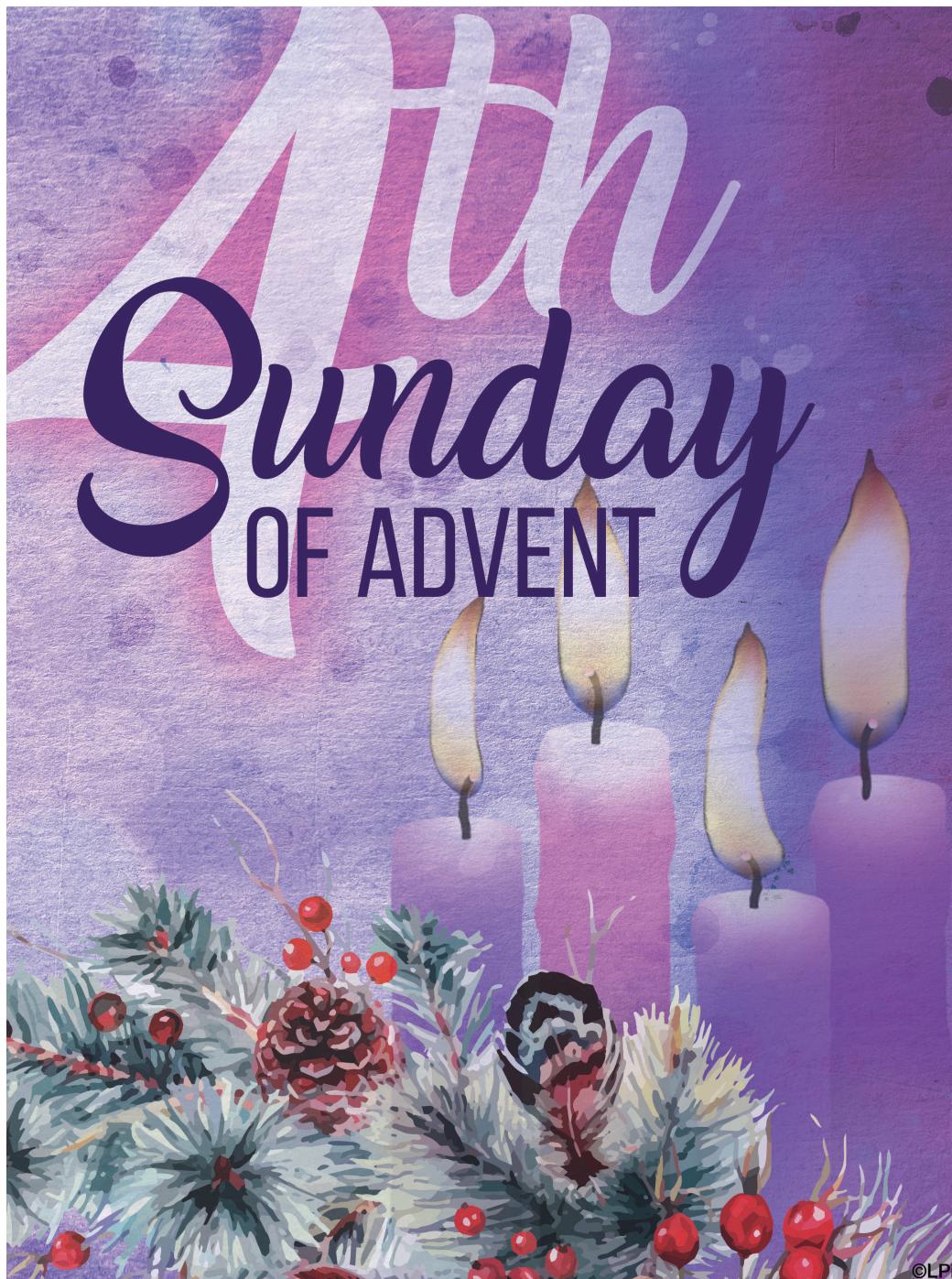




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DECEMBER 18, 2022



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Saturday: 5PM Vigil
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM,
11AM, 5PM

DAILY MASSES

Mon, Wed, Fri: 6:30AM
8AM
Tues, Thu, Sat: 8AM

RECONCILIATION/ CONFESION

Wednesdays: 5:15 - 5:45PM
Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:45PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: GOD IS WITH US

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?



Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

FLOCKNOTE

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BULLETIN UPDATES

If you have any announcements for the bulletin, please email bulletin@st-anastasia.org.

Jan. 1 bulletin content: Due Tuesday, Dec. 20

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	New Year's Eve	New Year's Day
8AM Vigil Masses	7:30AM 9AM 11AM	8AM 5PM	7:30AM 9AM 11AM 5PM
4PM 6PM 10PM			

 ST. ANASTASIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS, WEEKLY READINGS, & MASS CELEBRANTS

DAILY PRAYERS

PERSONAL PRAYER IN THE CHURCH

The Church is open every day:

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS: 6AM - 5PM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: 7AM - 5PM

WEDNESDAYS: 6AM - 6PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: 7AM - 6PM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET + ADORATION

In the Church - Wednesdays at 5PM

DAILY ROSARY

Monday-Saturday following after all 8AM Masses and after 6:30AM Masses on Monday, Wednesday and Friday



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM:

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a pre-Baptism Preparation Course through the Los Angeles Archdiocese at www.LaCatholics.org/baptism. Call the Parish Office at 310-670-2243 for information on the completion of all requirements **2 weeks prior to the Baptism.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION & HS CONFIRMATION:

Please contact Dianalee Dupree

Call: 310-670-2243 Ext. 51 or Email: DDupree@st-anastasia.org

Adult Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (OCIA):

for information on becoming Catholic contact Parish Office at 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@st-anastasia.org

MARRIAGE:

Engaged couples must contact the Office 6 months before their proposed wedding date. Call the Parish Office: 310-670-2243.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Sacrament for the Sick is celebrated upon request of the family.

Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@st-anastasia.org

MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYER REQUESTS:

Arranged by contacting the Parish Office with names of loved ones. Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 or Email: parish@st-anastasia.org

Note: Due to privacy and confidentiality laws, permission must be given by a family member to publish a loved one's name for mass intentions and prayer requests.

FUNERAL PLANNING:

Call the Parish Office 310-670-2243 to arrange funeral or memorial services.

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Birthday ★ Support ♦ Anniversary ♥ Memorial †

SUNDAY, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

7:30 AM - St. Anastasia Parishioners ♦

9 AM - Gregorio & Pastora Makbali ††

11 AM - Wedding Anniversary of J&A ♥

5 PM - Nora Cruz †

MONDAY, December 19:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

6:30 AM - Jesus & Aleida Rodriguez ♥

8 AM - Angelica Krestin ★

TUESDAY, December 20:

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

8 AM - Juan Jose Garcia †

WEDNESDAY, December 21: St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

6:30 AM - Sydney R. ♦

8 AM - Donald Francis Butler †

THURSDAY, December 22:

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

8 AM - Charlie R. ♦

FRIDAY, December 23: St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

6:30 AM - Evelyn Keith ♦

8 AM - Khalil & Roza Awwad ††

SATURDAY, December 24: The Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

8 AM - Theresa Reilly ★

Christmas Eve Masses 4PM, 6PM, 10PM

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS CELEBRANTS & READINGS

SAT: 4PM Fr. Greg Rozborski

SAT: 6PM Msgr. Gregory Cox

SAT: 10PM Fr. Leszek Semik

SUN: 7:30AM Msgr. Gregory Cox

SUN: 9AM Fr. Leszek Semik

SUN: 11AM Fr. Greg Rozborski

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

FAITH FORMATION

KIDS' CORNER

MAY GOD HAVE PITY ON US AND BLESS US; MAY HE LET HIS FACE SHINE UPON US.

PSALM 67:2

This is a beautiful prayer to say with your family as you sit down together for dinner. There are many ways to say grace and ask God's blessing. You might even add new words of your own to this ancient prayer. Something like this:

May God be gracious to us and bless us;

 may God's face shine upon us.

May God bless the food we are about to eat;

 bless the hands that prepared it,

 and fill the hearts of everyone who is hungry.



From the book entitled "Living Faith Kids" by Imprimatur Bishop Mark S. Rivotuso

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jesus Time Program

An introductory faith formation program developmentally appropriate for Children 3-5 years of age. Offered **every Sunday during our 9AM Family Mass.**



Children **meets in the school building.** Together we will explore the essential faith concepts, themes, and values of the Catholic Church in a fun and engaging way.

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HOLY MOMENTS



Holy Moments give meaning and divine purpose to our lives.



Holy Moments by Matthew Kelly is now available to all parishioners, thanks to the prayerful contemplation and generosity of a fellow parishioner who donated 325 copies for all to enjoy. Please take one copy per family. The books are located in the vestibule and the table by the West exit door.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?



OCIA (formerly R.C.I.A.) sessions are back at St. Anastasia. Led by Jonette and Vincent Mauch, these meetings take place in the **Parish Office conference room each Wednesday from 7:30PM-9PM.** To register or for more information **Email:** ddupree@st-anastasia.org. If you are a fully initiated Catholic looking to volunteer, please don't hesitate to reach out as well.

Adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation who have already received their First Eucharist in the Catholic Church participate in a regional program. For more information please contact Dianalee Dupree at 310-913-7965 or ddupree@st-anastasia.org

HALLOW APP THIS ADVENT

We have partnered with Hallow this Advent; encouraging all parishioners to prepare their hearts this season by incorporating prayer into each day. This Advent, we're inviting you to join Hallow's #Pray25 Challenge: Journey through Salvation History featuring the cast of 'The Chosen.' **Will you accept the Hallow #Pray25 Advent**



Challenge? Explore four themes of hope, faith, joy and peace, corresponding with the weeks of Advent. Each Sunday, users will listen to a meditation on the week's theme. Download the app and see how this tool can enrich your prayer life. Parish wide subscription is available to all those interested in using the app. Your subscription will run from Advent to Easter.

How can parishioners sign up?

Start on the Registration Page: hallow.com/holyday

Type in the name or address of your parish

Follow the instructions on the screen

Download the Hallow app from the app store

Log in with the same email address and password you used to create your account on the registration page (do not click Google/Apple/Phone!!)

PARISH LIFE & SCHOOL

OUTREACH PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



Join us this Christmas Eve serving the community at St. Robert's Center on Saturday 12/24 from 7:30AM-11AM.
Sign Up at:
<https://stanastasiala.flocknote.com/signup/70593>

ST. MARGARET'S CENTER COLLECTION



Don't miss our monthly donations basket after every Mass this **Sunday, December 18, 2022**, supporting St. Margaret's

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SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND TOURS AVAILABLE

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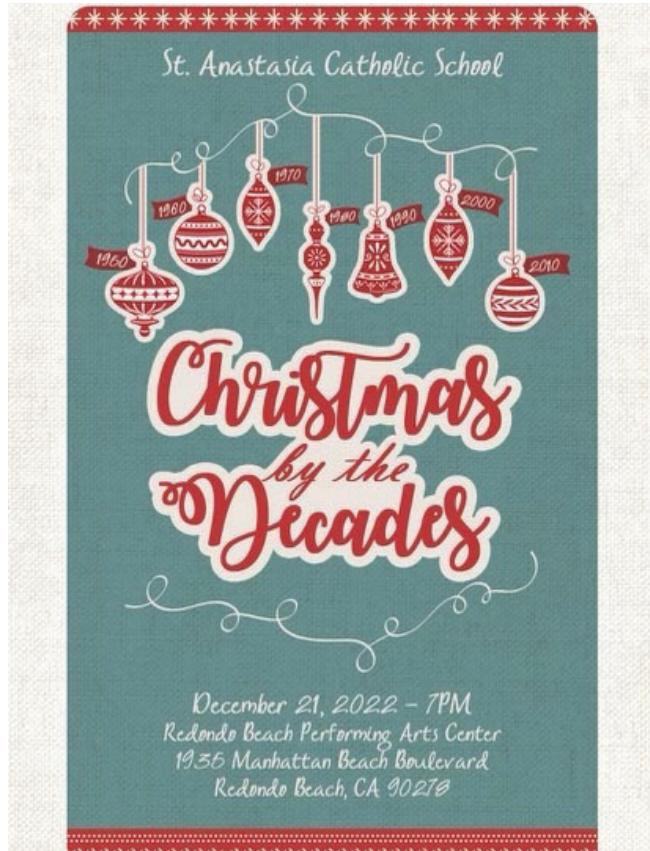
The direct link for our application is:

<https://secure.gradelink.com/370/enrollment>



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SHOW

Tickets will be on sale soon. Check our Website Events page for link to purchase your tickets: <http://www.st-anastasia.org/announcements/>



FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

To better serve each of our dear parishioners, we ask that you be sure to register each member of your family so that our staff is able to correctly keep records of family sacraments and assist you when documentation is requested. Your assistance is much appreciated in maintaining a working and accurate database of all our parishioners.

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Visit our website for instructions on how to fill out the registration forms in three easy steps — <http://www.st-anastasia.org/about-us/parish-registration/>

Advent Antiphon

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel,
giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

..... ♦

BEYOND OUR PARISH



3rd Annual Holiday Lights Tour & Contest

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<http://2022holidaylightstour.eventbrite.com>

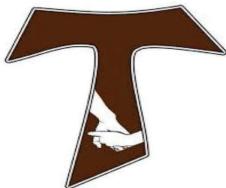
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